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In re application of: TAUBER et. al

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15 For: RARE EARTH METAL COMPOUNDS FOR USE IN HIGH CRITICAL
TEMPERATURE THIN FILM SUPER-CONDUCTORS, FERROELECTRICS,
PYROELECTRICS, PIEZOELECTRICS, AND HYBRIDS

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25 ELECTION OF CLAIMS IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2002, Paper No. 5, the applicants hereby elect Invention Group I, consisting of claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 39, 40, 42, 43 and 50, without traverse, for further examination.

30 REMARKS

Claims 1-79 are now in the case. No new claims have been added.

The Examiner required a restriction to one of five groups of inventions, under 35 USC § 121. According to the Examiner, the application includes the following five distinct groups of inventions:

35 Group I with claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 39, 40, 42, 43 and 50 drawn to a rare earth compound, classified by the United States Patent & Trademark Office in Class 423, subclass 263;

Group II with claims 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29, 32, 35, 38, 41, 44 and 51-79 drawn to a thin film structure of a plural metal oxide, classified by the United States Patent & Trademark

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